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## Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area    News Release

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### **PRESCRIBED BURNS PLANNED AT LAKE ROOSEVELT**

The National Park Service at Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area has planned to conduct three prescribed burns this spring. The planned burn areas are Gifford Campground, Whispering Pines, and Marcus Island.

Ignition Dates will occur between March 14 and April 30, 2005. Ignition will only occur one day for each unit unless weather conditions come out of prescription and burning is suspended. Residual burning will be allowed to burn out naturally. Weather parameters, which include temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed must be met before a prescribed burn can be ignited.

At Gifford, approximately 12 acres, of the 67-acre unit, remain to be burned. This will take place between the Gifford and Cloverleaf Campgrounds adjacent to Highway 25. The Whispering Pines unit, which is located south of the North Lake Roosevelt Resort and adjacent to Hwy 395, is 49 acres, and Marcus Island, located in the Marcus Island Campground just north of the community of Marcus on Hwy 25, is approximately 23 acres.

The goals for conducting prescribed burns are to (1) increase firefighter and public safety from higher intensity, higher severity fires, (2) increase forest health by reducing hazardous forest floor fuels, augment understory species diversity and wildlife habitat, and (3) enhance the aesthetics of these areas.

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